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Summer 2013: Not one to remember

Sum-meh. Senior meteorologist says fall in line to be similarly dull

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The summer of 2013 won't go down in the record books for much, as far as Environment Canada's senior meteorologist is concerned.

"It'll never be remembered as the summer of summers," David Phillips said on Tuesday. "It was almost kind of delightfully boring."

Phillips said June, July and August were pretty normal in terms of temperatures, with June and August registering average daily temperatures about half a degree

above and below normal, respectively.

July was significantly warmer than normal, with six days when the temperature — without factoring in humidity — reached 30 C.

"It's hard to get one day above 30 degrees in Halifax, and there were six of those," said Phillips, adding there were just two in July 2012.

"Those people that had their holidays in July were feeling the warmth."

Phillips said the summer could have been alarmingly dry, but for an exceptionally rainy June. More than 174 millimetres of rain fell at Halifax Stanfield International that month, well above the normal 98 millimetres.

"In many ways, that turned out to be the saviour in terms of keeping wildfires at bay and keeping water levels at

least OK," said Phillips.

The divisional chief in charge of fire prevention for Halifax Regional Fire Services said the summer was pretty average in terms of grass fires and very quiet in terms of illegal burns.

"The summer was pretty good," said Division Chief Dave Burnet. "The weather helped us out a lot ... with the rain and the high humidity, it helps to stop fires spreading quickly."

Phillips said Environment Canada's fall forecast calls for three more months of normal or above-normal temperatures in Nova Scotia, and normal precipitation.

"I always think that the best falls in Canada are found in Atlantic Canada because of the warm (ocean) water, the residual heat," he said. "So that's certainly the case."



SHINERAMA PATROL

Saint Mary's University students Brendan Piper, right, and Pat Morris canvas for donations along Hollis Street on Tuesday as part of the annual Shinerama fundraiser in support of Cystic Fibrosis. Dalhousie University and Mount Saint Vincent University are also participating in the fundraiser.

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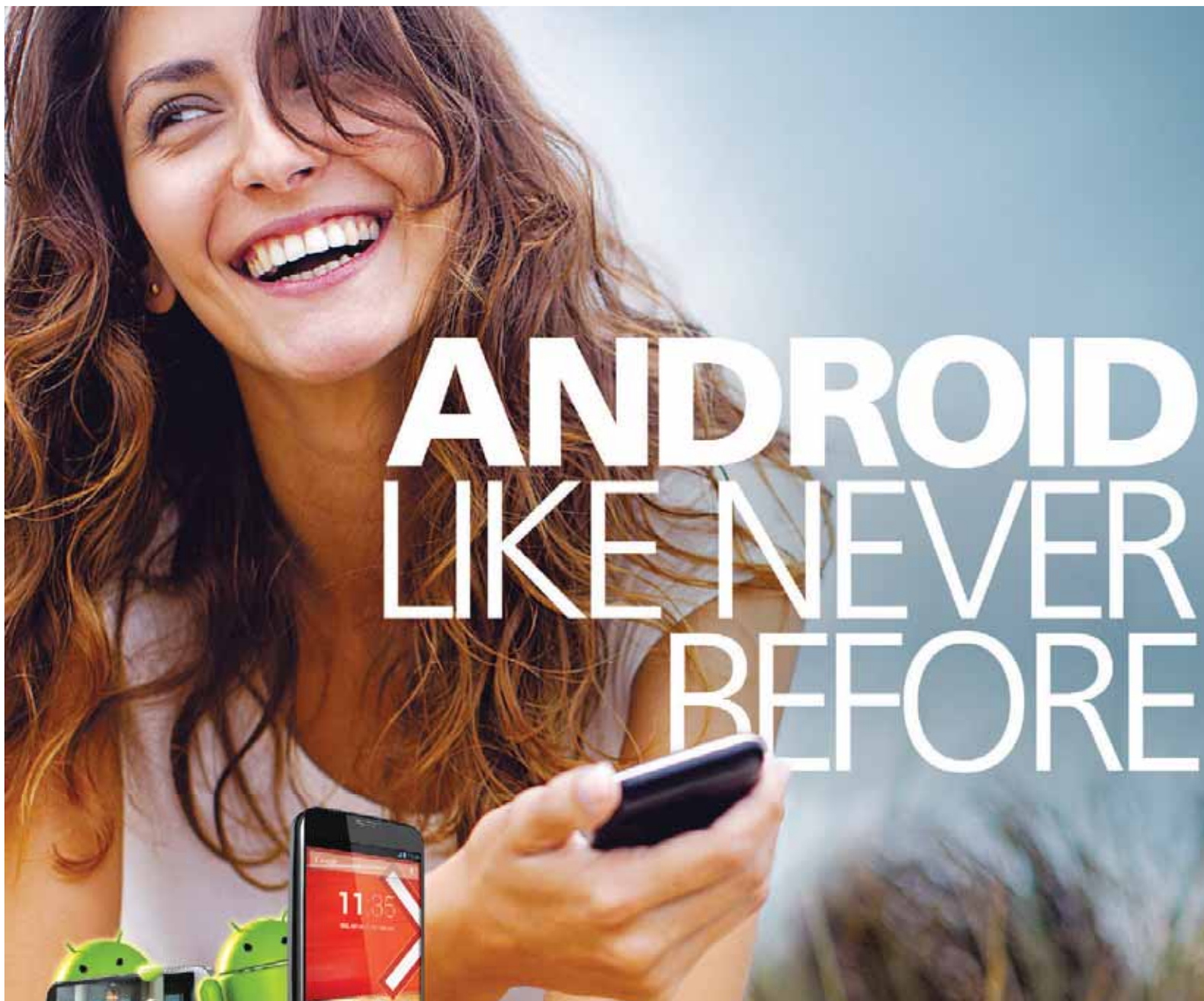
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Operation Fall-Back

School's back, and so are noise complaints

A man was arrested for public intoxication, and 39 summary offence tickets for liquor- and noise-related complaints were issued last weekend as Halifax police launched Operation Fall-Back.

Police say the purpose of the annual drive, started in 2004, is to reduce noise complaints, property damage and public drunkenness in the residential areas surrounding Halifax universities. The operation began last Saturday night and will continue through September.

Once October rolls around, police will provide a cruiser and Dalhousie University will pay the staffing costs for two officers whose jobs will be to patrol designated neighbourhoods at certain times around the Dalhousie and University of King's College campuses. **METRO**

Lost control of vehicle

Teen crash victim identified

The name of a Maitland teen who died in a single-vehicle crash on Sunday in Upper Kennetcook has been released. RCMP say Douglas Glenn Hill, 17, was pronounced dead at the scene. A preliminary investigation reveals that Hill lost control of his vehicle, left the road, hit a culvert and landed on the front lawn of a home on Highway 236. The cause has not been determined and the investigation is continuing.

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Tory Leader Jaime Baillie checks out the school supplies of Grade 5 student Robyn Black on Tuesday in Halifax after promising a back-to-school tax credit. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Tories promise tax credit for school supplies

\$3.9-million pledge.
Aims to reduce financial burden of education



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The provincial Progressive Conservatives are vowing to introduce a \$200 tax credit to help parents and teachers cover the cost of school supplies.

Party Leader Jamie Baillie made the announcement on Tuesday morning, citing the BMO Back to School survey that suggests parents in Atlantic Canada spend an average of

\$450 per student getting kids ready to go back to school.

"It is unacceptable to me and to the PC party that the cost of going to school become a barrier to a good education," he said.

The credit would cost an estimated \$3.9 million annually.

Theresa Orser, a parent of two and president of the Westmount Elementary Home and School Association, said she's spent more than \$600 on school supplies this year.

"In addition to being a longer list of supplies, there are more details on that list, being very specific about colours for binders and brands for pencils and pens," Orser said.

She said she shops around and reuses as much material

Red-ink time

A sample of items on the Westmount Elementary supply list:

- 4 Hilroy 32-page scribblers
- 20 good-quality sharpener pencils
- 9 Duo-Tangs (1 each of yellow, black, green, red, purple, orange, white, blue, grey)

as possible, but the list is so long, the dollars add up pretty quickly. She questions some of the requirements, especially because there's sometimes material left over at the end of the year.

"Twenty-four hundred

sheets of loose-leaf, 10 months, a girl in Grade 4 and Grade 7, that's a lot of writing. Especially in the age of computers," she said.

Baillie said he'd work with school boards to reduce the supply lists.

"We do intend to lift the budgets of the school boards out of the annual budget process ... which makes it impossible for school boards to plan ahead," he said.

Education Minister Ramona Jennex said at a separate event that the tax credit would be a "worthwhile expenditure."

"No one has any monopoly over a good idea and so definitely, we can look at that idea," she said.

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Grade expectations: Province wants feedback on report cards



Education Minister Ramona Jennex speaks at a press conference at Ash Lee Jefferson Elementary School in Fall River on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Your turn. Education minister open to improving how schools are grading students

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The report cards in the public school system have come under fire in recent months, and one Halifax-area principal agrees there is room for improvement.

"Any time that we can be more clear in reporting out to parents is not a bad thing," said Amy MacLeod, principal at Ash Lee Jefferson Elementary School in Fall River, on Tuesday.

Among the criticisms: The report cards contain too much jargon.

At a news conference at the school, MacLeod pointed out teachers communicate with parents in a variety of ways about a student's progress.

"As teachers, as adminis-

trators, we use other methods to communicate to parents and it should not just be on the report card," she said. "That's not the only vehicle. Conversations, newsletters, parent-teacher interviews, emails, phone calls — there are so many different ways ... chats in the hallway."

Education Minister Ramona Jennex announced on Tuesday that the province is looking for input from parents and teachers about how to improve the report card system. People can submit their feedback to report-card@gov.ns.ca or by mail.

"Government has heard some parents having concerns about our report cards," said Jennex.

A former teacher herself, Jennex did not provide any examples of potential chan-

ges that could be made.

But she said a program that provides reading support to children would be expanded across the province to include Grade 3 students by the 2014-15 school year.

Succeeding in Reading helps schools quickly identify students who need assistance to improve oral-language, reading, and writing skills.

At present, the program is only available for children who are in primary through Grade 2.

While some schools will be able to offer Succeeding in Reading at the Grade 3 level this year, other schools won't be able to roll out the enhanced programming until the next school year.

The cost of expanding the program is \$6 million.

Quoted

"Report cards need to be clear, helpful and accessible for parents."

Education Minister Ramona Jennex

ER closures in N.S. continue to decline: Report



Dave Wilson JEFF HARPER/METRO

The amount of time emergency rooms are closed in Nova Scotia continues to decline, a trend that can be attributed to the opening of collaborative emergency centres, the province's health minister said Tuesday.

David Wilson said progress is being made in keeping rural ERs open, pointing to a government report that shows ERs were shut down for 15,083 hours in the 2012-13 fiscal year, down from 17,717 hours the year before.

"I think it's a good model,"

Wilson said of the province's collaborative emergency centres, which have opened in seven communities since 2011.

Collaborative emergency centres are part of the NDP government's response to overcrowding and closures at rural emergency rooms. The centres are essentially one-stop clinics that can see patients through same-day or next-day appointments and can handle most medical problems that aren't life-threatening emergencies.

They are staffed overnight

by a registered nurse who is usually assisted by a paramedic and supported by an on-call physician.

Wilson said while the government plans to expand the use of the centres, that would not be appropriate in some areas served by larger hospitals.

The fourth annual Emergency Department Accountability Report released Tuesday says while Nova Scotia is reducing the length of time ERs are shut — in 2009-10, for instance, they were closed for 19,116 hours — 13

of the province's 38 hospitals experienced ER closures last year.

Wilson said challenges remain in some rural areas such as the South Shore, where the ER at Fisherman's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg was closed for 3,395 hours.

He said physician staffing levels are a problem that the Health Department is trying to address through initiatives such as a medical-student residency program in the Annapolis Valley.

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Nothing to brag about?

Progressive Conservative health critic Chris d'Entremont said the report shows that the NDP have not kept their 2009 election campaign promise to keep ERs open.

- "On the eve of this election, they are bragging about over 15,000 hours, or 628 days, of ER closures," d'Entremont said in a news release.

Hopes it's only temporary

IMP cuts 22 Amherst employees

One of Amherst's largest employers has cut its workforce, but its manager hopes the layoff will only be temporary.

Aerospace product manufacturer IMP Aerostructures, located in the industrial park, laid off 22 employees last week, bringing its workforce down to approximately 280.

David Pearson, the site's manager, isn't sure how long the layoffs will last, but he's optimistic it won't be lengthy. **AMHERST DAILY NEWS**

Case adjourned

Plea expected for man charged in Bedford boy's death

A Montreal man charged with dangerous driving causing death after an accident on Highway 101 in Falmouth that killed a six-year-old Bedford

boy is scheduled to enter a plea this fall.

Mohammad Younus' case was adjourned on Monday in Windsor provincial court until Oct. 8 for election and plea.

It is alleged the transport truck Younus was driving on July 9 struck a minivan in a construction zone near the Falmouth ramps. **METRO**

Annapolis Valley

Police release name of boater who died in accident

Police have released the name of a man who died in a boating accident Saturday evening in the Bay of Fundy

off Nova Scotia.

The RCMP say they recovered the body of 58-year-old Allan Clayton of Parkers Cove in the Annapolis Valley.

Police say the body was recovered near the boat.

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Trailer Park Boys' Cory shows different side in director's chair

Anatomy of Assistance. Short film set to screen at Toronto International Film Festival

When fans stop Cory Bowles for a photo, it's usually because they recognize him as his goofy character on TV's Trailer Park Boys.

But while the 39-year-old enjoys the attention for his role on the popular mockumentary series, he says the director's chair is increasingly where he really feels alive.

The Montreal-born, Nova Scotia-raised Bowles now hopes his latest short film, set to screen at the Toronto International Film Festival, will reveal a side of his personality that's different from the comical grunt he's known for portraying.

Back in the Park

In addition to his release at TIFF, Bowles is also directing the eighth season of Trailer Park Boys, an experience he describes as a "crazy challenge" that's nonetheless extremely rewarding.

- "We got a really great feeling on set," he said. "It feels like the way it is when I make my movies."

"Acting to me is a job," Bowles said. "It's a good job, a great job, but directing for me is a huge passion."

"I love the collaboration with as many different people to tell something, to tell a story. That's something that I'm really driven to do."

The film, *Anatomy of Assistance*, Bowles' fourth short release, follows a smart but rebellious teen who triggers

a chain of events with the way she reacts to a financial handout.

The satirical piece was created through a program at the Canadian Film Centre, where Bowles recently completed a crash course on directing. It saw him draw on his own personal experiences while continually asking his crew to trust his vision of what the film should be.

"With a film like this, it's hard until it's done to really prove or show your point of what the film is about," he said. "I say 'trust me' a lot."

Bowles also used lessons learned from his time on Trailer Park Boys to create a layered piece that could be interpreted on different levels.

"That's the same way with Trailer Park Boys," he said. "Yes, we're a comedy show, but we also have a fair bit of humanity in the show."

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Anatomy of Assistance director Cory Bowles speaks as actress Keeya King looks on while on the set of the film.

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Mic Mac Mall makes \$5,000 donation to women's-empowerment group

Mic Mac Mall has made a \$5,000 donation to a group that supports young women exploring careers in science and technology.

The donation fulfils a promise made in response to a social-media backlash and complaints that a back-to-school advertising campaign was sexist.

The ads featured cartoon women with slogans equating shopping with scientific endeavour.

The mall pulled the cam-

Interest

20

The estimated number of organizations that applied for the funding.

paigned in late August and promised to make a donation to an organization that empowers young women.

In a release issued Tuesday, the mall announced Techsplor-

ation will receive the funding.

Techsploration provides opportunities for female students in grades 9 through 12 to explore careers in science, trades and technology.

Techsploration "helps young women understand the significance of high school math and science for their future careers while inspiring them to live their dreams, challenge stereotypes and open new doors," the release says.

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Pop Explosion

Two free concerts at Grand Parade

The Halifax Pop Explosion will be rocking to the masses on Oct. 25 and 26 with two free concerts at the Grand Parade.

Juno Award-winning rap artist Shad will be headlining the show on Oct. 25. The Canadian rapper is highly regarded for the humour, honesty and intelligence he brings to his music.

The festival also announced its full lineup. The five-day festival runs from Oct. 22 to 26 and features

200 bands playing in five venues. METRO

Others still missing

Bunnies stolen from farmers' market die

Unfortunately, it looks as though there won't be a happy ending to the tale of two of the bunnies stolen from Hennigar's Farm Market in Greenwich.

Co-owner Heather Hennigar said on Tuesday someone contacted the market to say they had bought two of the missing rabbits on Kijiji. Unfortunately, the bunnies

died the next day.

Hennigar said the woman who bought the rabbits met someone named Crystal in a New Minas parking lot the day after the first two of four bunnies went missing and made the deal.

"It is kind of sad," she said. "We figured this might happen."

Because the bunnies were only three weeks old, their chance of survival was questionable, Hennigar said, as they were still nursing.

"She said if she'd known, she would have brought them back," Hennigar said of the bunny buyer who didn't know the rabbits were stolen. KINGS COUNTY REGISTER

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The hunt goes on

Grizzlies in crosshairs.

B.C. government refuses to recognize First Nations tribal ban on bear hunting

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Trophy hunting of grizzly bears on B.C.'s central coast continues while First Nations struggle to enforce a year-old tribal law barring hunters from killing the animals for sport, Metro has learned.

A source who asked to remain anonymous provided Metro with photographic evidence of a hunter showing off the severed head and paws of a grizzly bear after a spring hunting trip last May in the Kwatna River estuary between Bella Bella and Bella Coola.

"They are photos that were taken by one of my field technicians this spring," said Jessie Housty, an elected Heiltsuk tribal councillor and member of the Coastal First Nations Bear Working Group, a program whose staff have been patrolling and erecting

signs in areas of high hunting activity.

"Our technician was invited onto the hunter's boat and had a conversation with him. The man in the photo identified himself ... as being Clayton Stoner."

A Minnesota Wild spokesman confirmed Tuesday afternoon that the man in the photo was Stoner, a 28-year-old defenceman originally from Port McNeill, B.C.

"I grew up hunting and fishing in British Columbia and continue to enjoy spending time with my family outdoors," Stoner said in an emailed statement.

"I applied for and received a grizzly-bear hunting licence through a British Columbia limited-entry lottery last winter and shot a grizzly bear with my licence while hunting with my father, uncle and

Killed annually

300

The B.C. ministry of forests, lands and natural resource operations estimates some 300 grizzlies are harvested in the province every year.

Sacred or sport?

"We consider bears to be our close relatives and have many stories and ceremonies that reinforce that connection. It's incredibly offensive to us that anyone would kill for sport."

Jessie Housty, an elected Heiltsuk tribal councillor and member of the Coastal First Nations Bear Working Group

a friend in May. I love to hunt and fish and will continue to do so."

Stoner is not the first NHL player to attract criticism. Last year, Canucks winger David Booth tweeted a photo of a black bear he had killed with a bow on a hunting trip in Alberta, saying: "Just killed a Chara sized bruin! 7ft black bear - 21in skull."

The tweet proved controversial because Booth had used a technique called bear baiting, which is allowed in Alberta but illegal in B.C.

With the fall bear-hunting season opening across B.C. — the activity is allowed and regulated by the provincial government — Housty said it remains difficult to enforce the tribal hunting ban, since provincial officials don't recognize its authority.

"Ultimately what we'd like

to see is other governments respecting the ban that we've put in place," Housty said.

She argues hunting for sport is also a threat to sustainable economic opportunities, including eco-tourism, that First Nations have been exploring.

"Bears are worth far more alive than they are dead."

The B.C. minister of forests, lands and natural resource operations was not immediately available for comment. A ministry spokesman said there are at least 15,000 grizzlies in B.C.

Officials have released 3,786 limited authorizations allowing hunters to shoot and kill bears during this year's spring and fall seasons.

The ministry estimates some 300 grizzlies are harvested in the province every year.



Minnesota Wild defenceman Clayton Stoner with a grizzly bear shot on B.C.'s mid-coast in May. CONTRIBUTED

Boy sees no charges in child killing



Lee Bonneau, 6, was found dead in a wooded area of a Saskatchewan reserve last month. CONTRIBUTED

Lee Bonneau should have begun Grade 2 on Tuesday, but instead it was a day when information about the six-year-old's grisly death, allegedly at the hands of another child, was released by police.

At a news conference in Regina, Sgt. Larry Brost, acting officer in charge of an RCMP major-crimes unit, confirmed that if the suspect had not been under the age of 12 — the age needed to face the legal system under the federal Youth Criminal Justice Act — he would have been charged with murder in the tragedy at a Saskatchewan First Nation.

"There is no other person at this point in time in the investigation that could be responsible, other than this child," Brost told reporters at RCMP divisional headquarters.

The boy — whose age has not been made public due to privacy legislation — is in the custody of the Ministry of Social Services and is being held at an out-of-home facility equipped with 24-hour supervision.

He is deemed "in need of protection," according to social services, while medical and other professionals determine the kind of treatment and supervision he will require.

Lee died on Aug. 21 at southeast Saskatchewan's Kahkewistahaw First Nation from head trauma caused by a weapon — not a gun or knife, police confirmed, but a weapon "of opportunity."

Lee had last been seen walking with the other boy after he went missing from a community centre, where his caregiver was playing bingo. Lee, whose funeral was held on Friday, was a ward of a foster home just outside the reserve near Broadview.

The two boys did not know each other.

Social Services Minister June Draude is asking the province's child advocate, Bob Pringle, to immediately look into the case.

"We lost not just one child, but we lost two," Draude said. "We lost individuals that could have been a part of our society right now."

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SIU probe. Elderly woman falls, fractures hip after being Tasered by police

Ontario's police watchdog is investigating an incident in which they say an 80-year-old woman fell and suffered a fractured hip after she was struck by police with a Taser.

Special Investigations Unit spokeswoman Monica Hudon said three Peel Region officers approached the woman at about 3:30 a.m. last Wednesday as she was walking along a road in Mississauga.

Hudon said officers spoke with the woman until "at some point" an officer fired his Taser.

Hudon said the elderly woman fell to the ground and was rushed to Credit Valley Hospital for treatment.

The incident occurred one day after the province announced it would permit all front-line police officers to carry stun guns.

The use of force by police in Ontario has come under scrutiny after Sammy Yatim, 18, was shot multiple times and Tasered by police during a confrontation on an empty

Police arsenal

Many police forces, including the Ontario Provincial Police and Toronto Police Service, have said they plan to train and equip their officers with stun guns, in addition to the sidearm, extendable baton and pepper spray that they currently carry.

streetcar.

Videos of the incident prompted hundreds of people to take to the streets.

Another high-profile case that brought the police use of Tasers under public scrutiny was the 2007 death of a Polish immigrant at Vancouver's airport.

Robert Dziekanski died after being stunned with a Taser by RCMP. A public inquiry found that the officers were not justified in using the Taser.

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Report. More than 8,000 women killed in India last year over dowry disputes

One woman dies every hour in India because of dowry-related crimes, indicating that the country's economic boom has made demands for dowries even more persistent, women's rights activists said Tuesday.

The National Crime Records Bureau says 8,233 women were killed across India last year because of disputes over dowry payments given by the bride's family to the groom or his family at the time of marriage.

The conviction rate in dowry-related crimes remained a low 32 per cent, according to statistics the bureau published last week.

Indian law prohibits the giving or receiving of a dowry, but the centuries-old social custom persists.

Dowry demands often



In this 2007 file photo an Indian woman protests dowry harassment in the Indian state of Gujarat.
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continue for years after the wedding. Each year, thousands of young Indian women are doused with gasoline and burned to death because the groom or his family felt the dowry was inadequate. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LGBT. Obama set to meet with activists during the G20 summit in Russia

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights activists said Tuesday they have been invited to meet with U.S. President Barack Obama on the sidelines of this week's Group of 20 summit in Russia.

Obama and his administration have voiced concern over a law recently passed by Russia's parliament that targets "homosexual propaganda."

Igor Kochetkov of LGBT Network told The Associated Press that his organization will accept the invitation to meet with Obama in St. Petersburg, Russia on Thursday. The St. Petersburg-based

Calls for boycott

2014

The law has sparked a boycott of Russian vodka in gay bars across North America and scattered calls for a boycott of the 2014 games. However, Obama has joined other world leaders in calling a boycott unnecessary.

advocacy group Coming Out said it also was invited but hasn't decided yet whether to go.

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CODEPINK co-founder Medea Benjamin is removed from the hearing room on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday as she protests military intervention in Syria. Secretary of State John Kerry and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel were testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to advance President Obama's request for congressional authorization for intervention, a response to last month's alleged sarin gas attack in the country's civil war. **1. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Top U.S. Republican supports Syrian strike

Congress returns next week. President's push to gain congressional approval gains steam as Speaker John Boehner signals his support

U.S. President Barack Obama gained ground Tuesday with his drive for congressional backing of a military strike against Syria, winning critical support from the top Republican in Washington. Key Senate Democrats and Republicans agreed to back legislation ruling out the use of U.S. ground troops in any military response to a suspected chemical

weapons attack.

The Republican speaker of the House of Representatives, John Boehner, said taking action is something "the United States as a country needs to do."

Boehner emerged from a meeting at the White House and said the United States has "enemies around the world that need to understand that we're not going to tolerate this type of behaviour."

Obama on Saturday unexpectedly stepped back from ordering a military strike under his own authority and announced Saturday he would seek congressional approval.

The president urged Congress to hold a prompt vote once it returns from holiday

next week.

He also tried to assure the public that involvement in Syria will be a "limited, proportional step."

"This is not Iraq, and this is not Afghanistan," Obama said.

He met with top lawmakers hours before he was to leave on a three-day trip to Europe, with a visit to Sweden and a G-20 summit in Russia.

Lawmakers in both the Republican and Democratic parties called for changes in the president's requested legislation, insisting it be rewritten to restrict the type and duration of any military action.

Officials said the emerging Senate measure would receive a vote Wednesday in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Approval is likely.

In the Senate, the compromise was the work of Sens. Bob Menendez, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Bob Corker, the senior Republican on the panel. Their committee held a lengthy hearing during on Obama's request for legislation in support of the military reprisal he wants.

The proposed measure would set a time limit of 60 days for any military action and says the president could extend that for 30 days more unless Congress has a vote of disapproval.

The measure also bars the use of U.S. ground troops for "combat operations."

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Former NBA star Dennis Rodman arrives at Pyongyang airport, North Korea, Tuesday. JON CHOL JIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

N. Korea. Ex-NBA star to hang with 'my friend Kim'

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman landed Tuesday in North Korea and said he plans to hang out with authoritarian leader Kim Jong Un, have a good time and maybe bridge some cultural gaps — but not be a diplomat.

His trip comes just days after Pyongyang rejected a visit by a U.S. envoy who had hoped to bring home Ken-

neth Bae, an American missionary jailed there.

Speaking to reporters in Beijing ahead of his flight Rodman declined to say whether he would seek Bae's release. "I just want to meet my friend Kim, the marshal, and start a basketball league over there or something like that," said Rodman.

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Developers of this skyscraper, which is still under construction in central London, say they are investigating the way the 37-storey building reflects bright sunlight — after claims that the intense glare melted parts of a car parked nearby. PA, ANDY SCOFIELD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hot car just can't take the heat off skyscraper

Melting pot. Owner of Jaguar says sunlight off building melted mirror, hood ornament and panels on his car

Burning question



A burned spot, believed to be caused by the reflected rays of the sun, on the doormat of a barber shop across the street from the 37-storey skyscraper at 20 Fenchurch St. in London.

Drivers may want to think twice about parking in front of an under-construction London skyscraper known as the Walkie-Talkie because glare off the 37-storey building is so intense that at least one Jaguar owner says it caused part of his vehicle to melt.

And that's not all: Locals say the building's heat also burned a hole in the welcome mat of a barber shop across the street. "We were working and just saw the smoke coming out of the carpet," said shop owner Ali Akay.

Developers Land Securities and Canary Wharf said the problem lasts about two hours a day and is expected to continue for another two to three weeks. "The phenomenon is caused by the current elevation of the sun in the sky," they explained.

In the meantime, the companies said they will erect a temporary scaffold screen at street level to minimize the problem. They said they have also asked city authorities to suspend parking in three spaces.

Similar problems have plagued other modern buildings, including in Los Angeles, where neighbours of the Frank Gehry-designed Walt Disney Concert Hall reported heat buildups that required corrective measures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Microsoft steps up mobile push with Nokia acquisition

Helsinki. Handset deal is an attempt to narrow gap with Apple, Google

Microsoft Corp. is buying Nokia Corp.'s lineup of smartphones and a portfolio of patents and services in an effort to strengthen its fight with Apple and Google, and capture a slice of the lucrative mobile computing market.

The \$7.2-billion US deal marks a major step in the company's push to transform itself from a software maker focused on desktop and laptop computers into a more versatile and nimble company that delivers services on any kind of Internet-connected gadget.

Microsoft has been racing to catch up with customers who are increasingly pursuing their digital lives on smartphones and tablet computers. The shift is weak-



Nokia CEO Stephen Elop, left, and Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer
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ening Microsoft, which has dominated the PC software market for the past 30 years, and empowering Apple, the maker of the trend-setting iPhone and iPad, and Google, which gives away the world's most popular mobile operating system, Android.

Microsoft is now betting it will have a better chance of narrowing the gap with its rivals if it seizes complete control over how Nokia's mobile devices work with its

Microsoft succession

• Microsoft is also looking for a new leader. Ten days ago, CEO Steve Ballmer said he would step down within the next year.

• Stephen Elop, a Canadian who left Microsoft in 2010 to become Nokia CEO, will rejoin Microsoft once the acquisition closes. There's speculation he'll be a top candidate to succeed Ballmer.

Windows software.

Ballmer admitted Tuesday that the company has to play catch-up with the likes of Apple and Android. "We know we need to accelerate. We're not confused about that," he said. "We need to be a company that provides a family of devices."

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No Key Lime Pie for you

Seems that when little green robots eat candy bars, they opt for a Kit Kat. Tech pundits have speculated for months that the next Android operating system would be called Key Lime Pie — in keeping with Google's affinity for naming new versions after desserts — but on Tuesday the firm revealed it has chosen a brand-name candy for the first time. The Android 4.4 Kit Kat system is expected to launch in October, and in turn, the robot mascot is pictured tucking into a chocolate bar on the new Kit Kat label, shown above. Marc Vanlerberghe, director of Android Marketing, said the name was chosen because Kit Kat bars have been a "favourite go-to snack among the team since the early days of Android." COURTESY THE HERSHEY COMPANY

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Wireless market

After Verizon fuss, cell prices could creep up again

A decision by U.S. giant Verizon to no longer try to enter Canada's wireless market may mean Canadians could soon end up paying more on their cellphone bills, say several analysts. The prospect of Verizon's entry had produced more options for consumers as the country's big three wireless carriers offered new data sharing plans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

California

Will Apple add to iPhone colours?

Apple has sent a colourful invitation for an event next week amid speculation that it may debut new colours for the latest iPhone. The invitation for the Sept. 10 event has a picture of the Apple logo surrounded by multi-coloured polka dots and the sentence: "This should brighten everyone's day." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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WHAT DID YOU DO ON THE WEEKEND?

Weekend warriors are a dime a dozen.

They're out running marathons, hanging off cliff faces, riding their bicycles up steep switchbacks, or playing hockey at three in the morning because that's the only ice time available.

They whack various little round balls with various sticks and rackets.

They run, jump, throw, slide and stretch. Unlike real athletes, who vie for world records or record paydays, they do all of this for next to zero recognition — a cheap medal, a certificate, a plastic water bottle, a trophy from Trophies R Us.

They get hurt. Sometimes they die. But unless they die, they don't quit.

Then there's Diana Nyad.

What she did this weekend goes into the Weekend Warrior Hall of Fame. She accomplished what she had already



JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan

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failed to do four times: Become the first person to swim the 177 kilometres from Cuba to the Florida Keys, without a shark cage.

If that last detail doesn't get your attention, how about she spent 53 hours in the water, swallowed so much seawater that she vomited early and often, was stung by jellyfish, but like the Energizer Bunny in a wet-suit, she just kept going until she hit the beach in Florida.

Did I mention that she is 64 years old?

Why did she do it?

How about she "wants to send a message of peace, love, friendship and happiness ... between the people of the United States and Cuba."

Other people might send an email.

Diana Nyad has had this "Xtreme Dream" since 1978 when she tried and failed the first time.

At the time, she was already a long-distance swimmer who set the world record for swimming around the Island of Manhattan in under eight hours.

Then, life got in the way, but she never forgot her unfinished business and after a 30-year layoff, she tried again in 2011. And again. And again. And again in 2012.

Frankly, I thought she was done the last time. But never count a weekend warrior out. They can't help themselves.

A cynic (that's usually me) could say she's a motivational speaker and author (her books have titles like *The Boss of Me*) and needs fresh material to remain in demand on the lecture circuit — after all she charges up to \$40K a pop.

But really? What would you rather do: Face sharks, jellyfish, choking brine, storms, waves, nausea and fatigue? Or find another topic?

Or you could do what most 64-year-olds do. Think about retiring.

But I suspect Diana Nyad is not done yet.

Not as long as there's still another weekend.

ZOOM

'This is your captain: We need more cookies'



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Flight of the five-year-old

He looks confident but record-breaker He Yide, 5, must have been a little nervous as he became the youngest person to fly an aircraft.

The mini pilot completed a 35-minute flight over Beijing, with supervision — but no help — from a coach. Yide has strict training, which included a controversial run in snow last year. **METRO**

Dad of the year

"When the baby eagle is old enough, the mother eagle would harshly push it down the cliff. I don't agree with the education of most parents. They are too protective and caring, which makes their kid lazy."

He Yide's father He Liesheng

He Yide's diary

- **Early bird.** Awake at 4:30 a.m. each day for flight training before school.
- **Conquering the seas.** The boy has also sailed a yacht in an international competition.
- **Ain't no mountain high enough.** Yide recently climbed Mount Fuji during a storm.

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The cost in U.S. dollars of He Yide's flight training. It has not been wasted though — the child's next flight is already planned for Hoh Xil, an isolated region in the northwestern part of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau in China.

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Was it YellowTiger62 or GoldenCat63? Keeping passwords straight may be easy enough when you've got a one-fits-all setup, but once you go beyond that, keeping your deepest, darkest in the dark gets a bit more complicated. Or at least it used to be complicated.

Nymi:

More than just a password keeper, this heart-rate based authentication bracelet, pictured, not only keeps your passwords straight, it also acts as a one-key-fits-all device. Hello key-free living! Pre-order for \$79.

managers, LastPass has been around since 2008 and made a name for itself as the go-to password keeper. Works on all operating systems, free for desktop, \$12/year for mobile.

Keepass:

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LastPass:

One of the dinosaurs of the password

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Hackers are now tampering with cars' computer systems. What should be done to counter the problem?

@Canucklehead_ca: Seems simple enough: make all cars password protected! (All passwords must contain a capital letter, a number, two symbols ...)

@Brendanger: Walk or take public transit.

@EastVanPrint: Encryption and closed networking

@almajwilson70: find them real jobs obviously they have nothing constructive to do

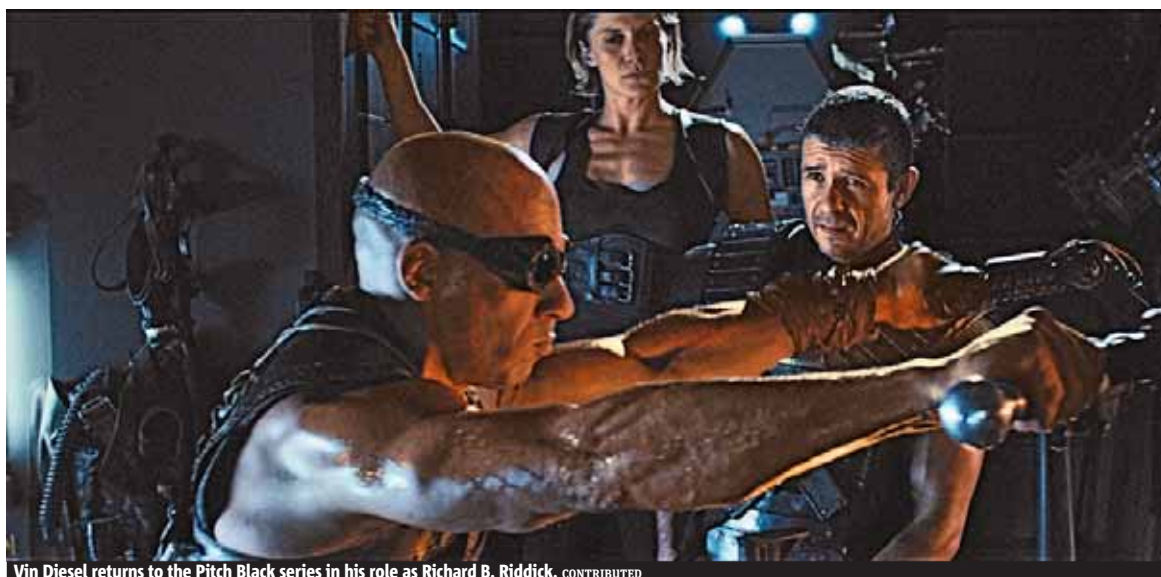
@Simpson957: Car companies should give nerds fancy cars so we can work out a good defense against the hackers. Me first.

@OnlyFakie: if cars are generally computers now, why don't they follow computers and have the same security they do?

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Vin Diesel returns to the Pitch Black series in his role as Richard B. Riddick. CONTRIBUTED

Going from the sexiest ugly man to Richard B. Riddick

Vin Diesel. Few know that the Fast and Furious and Pitch Black star has been acting since age seven and has a long list of accomplishments



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Vin Diesel has been acting since age seven and played many characters on screen, but he is best known by two alter egos.

We'll have to wait until next year to see him behind the wheel as Dominic Toretto in the new Fast and Furious movie, but this weekend

he returns to theatres as Richard B. Riddick, anti-hero of the Pitch Black series of films and video games.

In Riddick, his fourth outing as the mercenary-turned-enforcer, he has been double-crossed and left for dead.

His battles with predatory aliens has honed his skills, his thirst for revenge and his desire to return to his home planet of Furya.

Diesel loves playing Riddick. "I know it sounds corny but I feel like I learn about myself when I play that character," he says.

But he's also created some other memorable characters.

Critics and audiences first took notice of Diesel as Private Caparzo in Saving Private Ryan. He says winning the role was "like one of those Hollywood fairy tales

that you never believed."

Director Steven Spielberg saw Multi-Facial, an über low budget short film directed by and starring Diesel.

The ET director was so taken with the young actor's performance that he had a role specially written for him. The result was an effective performance that mixed physicality with poignancy.

Diesel lent his distinctive gravelly voice to the title character in the animated film The Iron Giant.

Directed by Brad Bird, the story of a lonely boy who discovers a 50-foot, metal-eating robot who fell from space, failed at the box office but has a 97 per cent Rotten Tomatoes rating.

His searing portrayal of streetwise stockbroker Chris Varick in the 2000 stock-broker drama Boiler Room

garnered him considerable critical praise.

Roger Ebert wrote, "Diesel is interesting. Something will come of him," and New York Times critic A.O. Scott said the actor, "may be the sexiest ugly man in movies since Anthony Quinn."

Knockaround Guys is a coming-of-age story with a gangland twist.

The four sons (Vin Diesel, Seth Green, Barry Pepper, and Andrew Davoli) of Brooklyn mobsters band together to reclaim a quarter of a million dollars lost in a small town run by a crooked sheriff (Tom Noonan).

Diesel oozes charisma in a so-so film, tossing off tough guy lines like, "That's about the only thing you can count on in this life, there's nobody that wouldn't hurt you ... if it helped them," with ease.

More on Riddick



Katee Sackhoff. CONTRIBUTED

Being the only girl in the room on Riddick

In Riddick, Katee Sackhoff co-stars alongside Vin Diesel as Dahl, the only female member of a team of mercenaries — but also one of its toughest.

Riddick is very funny, surprisingly.

My best friend is terrified of scary movies. She's going to the premiere and she was like, "How scared am I going to be?" And I was like, "Sweetie, it's not scary."

Do you worry about doing what you're already known for when looking for parts?

I think people spend too much time trying to understand this business when you can't understand it. I don't think there's any real right way or wrong way to do this. Truthfully, I feel blessed that people want me to do it at all, and if that's science fiction and action, I'd rather do that than so many other genres. So I'm good.

It doesn't mean that I can't do and haven't done things outside of it; it's just where fans want to see me right now. You give them what they want, you know?

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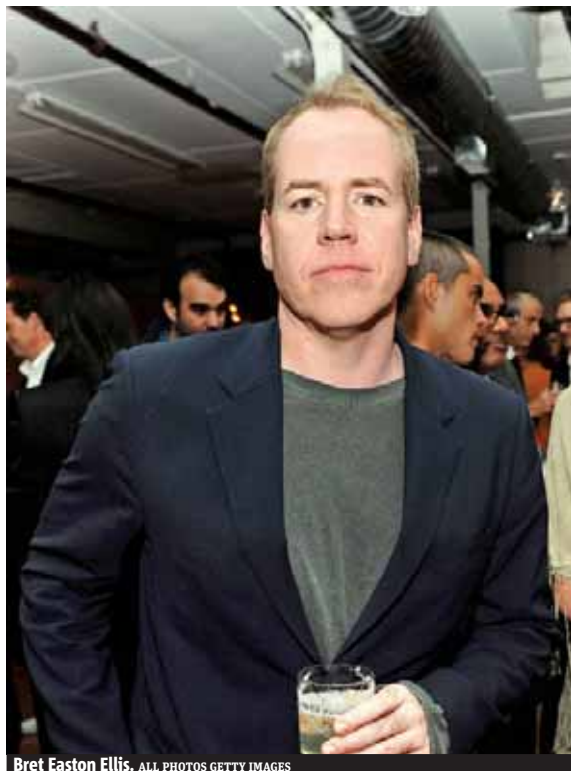
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James Deen as Mr. Grey? Not enough alcohol in the world

While the casting announcements are official for 50 Shades of Grey — with Dakota Johnson and Pacific Rim star Charlie Hunnam taking the much-debated lead roles — apparently not everyone is in agreement behind the scenes of the hot literary adaptation.

After the news was announced, author Bret Easton Ellis took to Twitter to rain

on the parade and share some information.

"Talked to (author) E.L. James at a party over the summer. Her first choice for Christian was Rob Pattinson," he posted.

"When E.L. James asked me who I thought should be Christian I said, '(Porn star) James Deen, of course,' and then she shoved me. We were both very wasted."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



American Idol rounds out its panel with latest addition



THE WORD
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After months of speculation, it was announced that handsome Southern crooner Harry Connick Jr. and former American Idol judge Jennifer Lopez are officially joining American Idol 13.

The two join Keith Urban on the judge's panel; stalwart Randy Jackson will be back as an "in-house" mentor.

And, what would Idol

be without Ryan Seacrest? The personality, of course, will be back as host.

"I have always been a huge fan of American Idol and really enjoyed my time as a mentor on the show," said Connick in a press release.

"And I am honoured that they've asked me to be a judge this season. As an entertainer, I am truly excited to bring my perspective to American Idol and to help emerging performers find their way."

For her take on the announcement, Lopez simply tweeted, "#IDOL-2014TheRemix."

Hopefully the addition of Connick and Lopez will help this new season's ratings. This past season was American Idol's worst rated since the show began airing in 2002.



Will Smith

Another day, another sale for the Smith family

Will and Jada Pinkett Smith have decided to ditch their sprawling, palatial Calabasas, Calif., compound, according to the Real Estalker blog.

The Hollywood power couple is reportedly looking to get \$42 million for the property, which features a

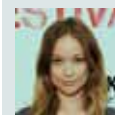
25,000 square foot adobe-style main house, man-made lakes, a hotel-size pool and facilities for tennis, volleyball and basketball.

The family sold a property on the Hawaiian island of Kauai for \$20 million in 2011.

Twitter



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Rum bars filled with colourful locals, glorious beaches, waterfalls you can climb and romantic river rafts. Yep, Jamaica has a lot to offer.

Of course, there are the swanky resorts and infamous spots such as Hedonism, where just about anything goes, including a lot of bathing suits. And don't forget the jerk shacks that waft heavenly spices out over the island and the reggae music.

Sleeping

Negril has awesome sunsets and an endless beach flanked by resorts such as Beaches, Sandals and the aforementioned Hedonism. Further north and east are the impeccable grounds of Half Moon, a RockResort, equipped with a fun and not too tricked-up golf course, a sweeping beach and a who's who list of attendees, including Queen Elizabeth and



Diving into the perfect water near Rick's Café. Just watch your Red Stripe intake before you jump. PHOTOS JIM BYERS/METRO

Paul Simon. My personal favourite resort for a taste of local culture is Jakes at Treasure Beach, a spot on the south side of the island with pseudo-Moroccan design and glorious detached villas in bright ochre and pale blue.

Dining

Half Moon features the romantic Sugar Mill restaurant, with a gorgeous patio lit up by overhead lights hanging from gnarly

trees. Try the snapper in a coconut-saffron sauce or jerk chicken spring rolls. A favourite for casual jerk chicken is Scotchie's near the Montego Bay Airport, where you can fill your belly for less than \$10. In the Montego Bay Freeport zone is the fabulous House Boat restaurant, reached by a three-second ferry/raft. Gaze out on the bay and the lights in the hills and dine on spicy shrimp in a scotch bon-

net beurre blanc sauce or a Queen Conch fritter. Jakes at Treasure Beach has a marvelous kitchen. Next door on the beach is Jack Spratts, which serves a fabulous jerk sausage pizza.

Doing

At Half Moon you can take a horseback ride and swim with the animals, who love nothing more on a hot day than submersing themselves in the cool ocean water. Dunn's River

Falls is famous as a playground where you can clamber up large rocks and dunk yourself in the cool water running down from the mountains. Prefer to let someone else do the work? Try a romantic rafting trip on the peaceful Martha Brae River near Falmouth, where a local will guide you along on a wide bamboo raft under a jungle canopy.

Drinking

If you must, you can down Jell-O shots or any number of sickly sweet things at Jimmy Buffett Margaritaville on the Hip Strip in Montego Bay, which is jammed to the rafters with cruise ship day-trippers and has a cool waterslide that drops you a couple stories into the bay. You don't want to miss Rick's Café, south of Negril. The water is the most beautiful shade of aquamarine imaginable, and local kids will do handstands and crazy dives off huge cliffs for a couple of bucks. You can try a belly-flop of your own from several spots, too. Take a boat ride from the south shore to the ramshackle Pelican Bar, which sits in a few feet of warm water a half mile or so off the coast and looks to be mostly made up of driftwood, with a thatched roof. Very memorable.

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This meal may come in slightly over \$5 if you don't get your ingredients on sale and you do use the wine. But it is absolutely worth every

Ingredients

- 1 pkg (450 g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained (\$1.29)
- 1 lb skinless chicken thighs (\$4.30)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced (\$0.10)
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar (\$0.10)
- 1/4 cup red wine (optional) (\$0.60)
- 2 tsp dried oregano (\$0.03)
- 2-4 oz blue cheese, crumbled (\$0.60)

Total: \$7.02
Per person: \$3.51

Eat cheap (and healthy)

The past two Wednesdays, Metro's Theresa Albert has served up easy to make and healthy recipes that are perfect for families or starving students. If you missed them, check out the recipes at metronews.ca/food. And don't forget to look for the final two recipes in the series on Sept. 11 and 18.

penny.

This dish, which features high nutrient spinach in a convenient frozen form paired with high iron chicken thighs and a tasty balsamic vinegar and blue cheese, is yours in under 10 minutes.

1. Microwave spinach just to thaw and let drain in a colander in the sink until ready to assemble.

Baked Chicken with Spinach and Blue Cheese



For a variation on this recipe, which serves two, try stuffing the chicken with spinach. ISTOCK

2. Break up spinach into large, low casserole dish. Nestle chicken pieces into spinach. Sprinkle with garlic, vinegar, wine, oregano, salt and

pepper. Break up blue cheese to spread on top. (Cream cheese is a good substitute)

3. Cover with foil and place

into 350 F oven to bake for approximately 45 minutes or until heated through. Meat internal temperature should read 165 F.

Drink of the Week

Hennessy V.S Bramble

The perfect end-of-summer cocktail offers strong, bright flavours.

- 1.5 oz Hennessy V.S
- .5 oz fresh lemon juice
- 4-5 blackberries
- .5 oz simple syrup
- .25 oz of Crème de Cassis
- Twist of lemon

Muddle berries in bottom of a shaker tin and add lemon juice, simple syrup and Hennessy V.S with ice. Shake until well chilled and strain into a rocks glass with fresh ice. Splash Crème de Cassis over the top and garnish with lemon twist and a few blackberries.

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Side. Janet's Fermented Kosher Dill Pickles

1. Wash two 1.5-litre (6-cup) mason jars in hot soapy water.

2. In saucepan, bring water to a boil and stir in pickling salt until dissolved. Let brine cool.

3. Scrub cucumbers and slice very thin piece off blossom end of each one.

4. Put 2 sprigs of dill, few pieces of garlic and 15 ml (1 tbsp) pickling spice in each jar.

5. Pack cucumbers vertically into jars, filling halfway. Add another dill sprig and more garlic. Pack remaining cucumbers to fill jars tightly, ensuring all cucumbers are below

the "neck" of the jar. Tuck in the last bit of dill and garlic between cucumbers.

6. Fill jars with brine, ensuring cucumbers are completely covered.

7. Cover jars loosely with cheesecloth and secure with

elastic band if necessary. Store in a cool dark place for 1 week. Check jars every day to ensure cucumbers remain submerged and top with additional brine as necessary. If scum or foam develops on surface, skim it off and discard.

8. After 4 days, taste a pickle and decide if they're ready or if

Ingredients

- 4 l (16 cups) water (unchlorinated if possible)
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) pickling salt
- 2 kg (4 lb) Kirby pickling cucumbers (about 20, depending on size)

- 4 to 6 sprigs dillweed, preferably seeded, washed
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced in half
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) pickling spice

you want them fermented longer. "Half sours" usually take 3 to 4 days, while "full sours" take 5 to 7 days. To stop pickling pro-

cess, cover jars with a lid and place in the refrigerator. JANET NEZON, OWNER OF RAINBOW PLATE (RAINBOWPLATE.COM)

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#WhatNotToDo: The faux-pas of a professional Twitter page

When hitting send impedes success.

How tweet it is to take advantage of this tool. Just make sure you use it properly!

JESSICA CRUZ

TalentEgg.ca

Ah, the wonderful world of Twitter. A land where users post their most random thoughts, check out the latest sports updates and watch in awe as celebrities make gross grammatical errors.

But if that's all they're doing, visitors to Twitter may be missing out. It turns out that the social network can be a great asset to the job hunt, provided the job-searcher avoids a few common mistakes along the way.

Don't keep your settings private

It's OK to keep personal accounts on Twitter for friends. But if you're using Twitter for job searches and networking, your account needs to be accessible. How can anyone respond to your tweets? You might connect with a recruiter who is at the same conference as you, get instant updates on that job you've been waiting for or even win a contest.

Transparency is key when utilizing social media for developing your personal brand, job hunting or networking. It also opens doors for other people to contact

Connect with others!

Twitter was created for casual interaction

- If you find a company you like, follow them. If you find a campus recruiter from the same company, follow them, and retweet or respond to their tweets.
- Twitter can be used as a learning tool as much as a social tool. Combine these experiences and output productivity for your job hunt from your time online.

you about opportunities and learn more about you.

Don't mix too much of your personal life with your professional life

Remember the purpose of the account. Keep in mind that an online account means 24/7 access for potential employers. The second something goes up, someone will see it.

Post on different channels with your own discretion, or don't post it at all. An open account should not mean unlimited access to your life.

Don't exaggerate your job title

Keep your tagline current, direct, and about your profession. Use a decent photo and include a helpful link and customized background.

It's good to show a bit of personality, but try to keep the content relevant to your industry and how you want others



Don't hide behind your hashtags. If you want an employer to pick you out of the crowd, make your account public.

to see you.

Don't be too controversial

Avoid topics like politics or starting arguments with other users.

Don't skew an employer's impression of your values.

Separating business and personal opinions helps you keep your personal life from affecting your professional life.

Don't be ashamed to boost yourself up

Remember that you're using Twitter as a personal branding tool. It's good to mention accomplishments, events or milestones in your life. Decide how much is appropriate — your online presence may be the strongest first impression.

Don't forget to check your interactions

Stay updated with who is interacting with you.

Check your mentions for retweets, replies and followers.

Regularly check your direct messages (DM) to see if someone contacted you.

Take a glance at profiles who retweeted, DM or mentioned you. See what they tweet about; perhaps you'll find a common interest or a potential employer.

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Mooseheads defenceman Matt Murphy checks a Sea Dogs player into the boards during last year's QMJHL playoffs. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Murphy undrafted but undeterred

Proving grounds.

Blue-liner intends on playing with a chip on his shoulder this season, gears up for St. Louis rookie camp



ANDREW RANKIN

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June 30, 2013, is not one of Matt Murphy's happiest days.

The Halifax Mooseheads defenceman showed up to the NHL draft amidst some talk he could go as high as the second round.

It came and went, and the 18-year-old was still waiting, still hopeful. But with each passing round his optimism slowly turned to anxiety, until Murphy was left on the outside looking in.

But in his disappointment, there was no wallowing. The Fredericton native chose to use the experience as motivation.

Quoted

"After draft day, I went home with more of a drive to work hard in the gym and when I came to camp I wanted to prove a point right away."

Mooseheads defenceman Matt Murphy

On the drive home with his dad, he resolved to make his mark in his second season with the Mooseheads.

"I'm going to have to play with a little chip on my shoulder and prove myself," he said. "I'm not going to pack it up, I'm just going to keep working

hard."

On the road, Murphy got a call from his agent informing him that he'd been invited to the St. Louis Blues' four-day rookie camp that opens this Thursday.

He's among a handful of Mooseheads heading for NHL

Off to camp

The other Halifax Mooseheads going to NHL camps this week are Andrew Ryan (Philadelphia Flyers), MacKenzie Weegar (Florida Panthers), Brent Andrews (Anaheim Ducks) and Zach Fucale (Montreal Canadiens).

Zach Fucale GETTY IMAGES



prospect camps this week.

"It's special for sure," he said. "I'm going with the same mindset of anyone who's drafted. I want to make a name for myself, prove a point that I think I could have been drafted. I'm going to go there and play the same game that I always have. There's a reason why they want me there."

For all of his confidence, Murphy is aware of his limitations. He admits he was a little over confident playing as a 17-year-old last season, which sometimes led him away from the game that got him to the QMJHL.

He finished the 2012-13 campaign with 39 points in 69 games split between the Mooseheads and the Val-d'Or Foreurs. He also had a plus-22 rating.

"Maybe I was trying to do too much offensively, but now I'm going to focus in on my defensive game. I'm strong and a pretty big guy so I want to use my strength. I think I can really prove a point with my skating. I'm excited."

UFC

Grant-Pettis title bout confirmed

Canadian T.J. Grant will get first crack at new UFC lightweight champion Anthony (Showtime) Pettis.

UFC president Dana White confirmed the matchup Tuesday in a text to The Canadian Press.

"Thanks for all your support!! I'm a happy man!" tweeted Grant.

Grant (21-5) had been slated to meet champion Benson (Smooth) Henderson last Saturday at UFC 164 in Milwaukee. He earned the title shot in May by knocking out Gray (The Bully) Maynard in the first round at UFC 160.

But a concussion forced him out of the Henderson fight, leaving Pettis (17-2) to make the most of the opportunity. The former WEC champion submitted Henderson in the first round after lashing his body with a series of leg kicks.

After beating Henderson, Pettis called out featherweight champion Jose Aldo, saying he would fight for either belt.

Grant is 5-0 since dropping down to 155 pounds. The 29-year-old from Cole Harbour went 3-3 as a welterweight.

There is no word yet on a date for the Grant-Pettis title fight.

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MLB

Scherzer denied 20th win by BoSox

Jon Lester out-duelled Max Scherzer and the Boston Red Sox beat Detroit 2-1 on Tuesday night, ending the Tigers right-hander's chance to become just the second pitcher to open a season with a 20-1 record.

Lester (13-8) lowered his ERA to 1.71 in his past six starts. He allowed one earned run and eight hits with a season-high nine strikeouts and no walks.

Scherzer (19-2), who won his first 13 decisions, lost for the first time since July 13 when the Texas Rangers beat him 7-1.

Roger Clemens is the only pitcher to start off at 20-1 and ended up 20-3 with the New York Yankees in 2001. Rube Marquard was the only other pitcher with a 19-1 record, but lost his next decision in 1912 with the New York Giants.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serena shuts door on Navarro in N.Y.C.

Tennis. Top-seed Williams blanks Navarro 6-0, 6-0 to advance to semifinals at U.S. Open

From an ace on the first point to a stinging return on the last, Serena Williams was close to perfect in the U.S. Open quarter-finals.

The score said it all Tuesday night: 6-0, 6-0.

Yes, Williams is looking better and better with each match at the year's last Grand Slam tournament. With two more wins she'll earn a fifth title at Flushing Meadows and 17th major championship overall.

The No. 1-ranked and No. 1-seeded Williams shut out



Serena Williams defeated Carla Suarez Navarro 6-0, 6-0 on Tuesday.
GETTY IMAGES

18th-seeded Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain, the first "double bagel" in a quarter-final at Flushing Meadows since 1989, when 18-time major title winner Martina Navratilova did it to Manuela Maleeva.

"When you play against

Serena," Suarez Navarro said, "you know these things can happen."

Williams won 53 of 71 points and dominated pretty much every statistical category. The first set took all of 19 minutes. The second was slower, lasting 33 minutes, but no less lopsided.

Williams was asked whether she'd describe her performance as close to flawless.

"Of course not," the defending champion said with a laugh. "I played good, though. I played really good. I was just more focused than anything. You know, I like to believe there is room for improvement."

That might be bad news for her opponent in Friday's semifinals, 2011 French Open champion Li Na of China.

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Cycling

Sagan takes Tour of Alberta lead on Day 1

Pre-race favourite Peter Sagan is the first man to wear the

yellow jersey in the inaugural stage of the Tour of Alberta cycling race.

The Cannondale team rider took a 12-second lead over his nearest competitor in the opening 7.3-kilometre

time trial Tuesday night.

Victoria's Ryder Hesjedal was 30 seconds back of Sagan.

The Tour of Alberta finishes in Calgary on Sunday after 900 kilometres of racing.

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	83	57	.593	—
Tampa Bay	75	61	.551	6
New York	74	64	.536	8
Baltimore	73	64	.533	8½
Toronto	63	75	.457	19

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	81	58	.583	—
Cleveland	73	65	.529	7½
Kansas City	72	66	.522	8½
Minnesota	60	76	.441	19½
Chicago	56	81	.409	24

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	79	58	.577	—
Texas	79	58	.577	—
Los Angeles	64	72	.471	14½
Seattle	62	76	.449	17½
Houston	45	92	.328	34

Tuesday's results

N.Y. Yankees 6 Chicago White Sox 4
Cleveland 4 Baltimore 3
Boston 2 Detroit 1
Kansas City 4 Seattle 3
Minnesota at Houston
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels
Texas at Oakland

Monday's results

N.Y. Yankees 9 Chicago White Sox 1
Detroit 3 Boston 0
Minnesota 10 Houston 6
Kansas City 3 Seattle 1
Baltimore 7 Cleveland 2
Oakland 4 Texas 2
L.A. Angels 11 Tampa Bay 2

Wednesday's games — All times Eastern

Minnesota (Hendricks 1-2) at Houston (Lyles 6-7), 2:10 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 12-6) at Oakland (Parker 10-6), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Johnson 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 12-11), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Britton 2-3) at Cleveland (McAllister 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 11-7) at Boston (Dempster 7-9), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Walker 1-0) at Kansas City (Santana 8-8), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 10-8) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 9-7), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	85	53	.616	—
Washington	70	68	.507	15
Philadelphia	63	76	.453	22½
New York	62	75	.453	22½
Miami	52	85	.380	32½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	81	57	.587	—
St. Louis	79	59	.572	2
Cincinnati	78	61	.561	3½
Milwaukee	59	79	.428	22
Chicago	58	80	.420	23

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	83	55	.601	—
Arizona	69	67	.507	13
Colorado	65	75	.464	19
San Diego	61	76	.445	21½
San Francisco	61	76	.445	21½

Tuesday's results

Cincinnati 1 St. Louis 0
Atlanta 3 N.Y. Mets 1
Washington 9 Philadelphia 6
Miami 6 Chicago Cubs 2
Pittsburgh 4 Milwaukee 3
L.A. Dodgers 7 Colorado 4
Toronto at Arizona
San Francisco at San Diego

Monday's results

Cincinnati 7 St. Louis 2
Atlanta 13 N.Y. Mets 5
Pittsburgh 5 Milwaukee 2
Miami 4 Chicago Cubs 3
San Diego 4 San Francisco 1
Toronto 4 Arizona 1
L.A. Dodgers 10 Colorado 8
Philadelphia 3 Washington 2

Wednesday — All times Eastern

N.Y. Mets (Gee 10-9) at Atlanta (Loe 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Miami (Flynn 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 8-11), 2:20 p.m.
Toronto (Buehrle 11-7) at Arizona (Delgado 4-5), 3:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 8-13) at San Diego (Stults 8-12), 6:40 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 15-8) at Philadelphia (Halladay 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Miller 12-9) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 13-10), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 15-6) at Milwaukee (Peralta 8-14), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Volquez 9-10) at Colorado (De La Rosa 15-6), 8:40 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 10

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Toronto	9	5	4	0	253	229	10
Hamilton	9	4	5	0	229	248	8
Montreal	9	4	5	0	215	248	8
Winnipeg	9	1	8	0	192	295	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Saskatchewan	9	8	1	0	312	202	16
Calgary	9	7	2	0	298	234	14
B.C.	9	6	3	0	236	229	12
Edmonton	9	1	8	0	222	272	2

Tuesday's result

Montreal 20 Toronto 9

Monday's result

Calgary 37 Edmonton 34

Friday's game — All Times Eastern

Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Saturday's game

B.C. at Hamilton, 4 p.m.

Sunday's games

Toronto at Montreal, 1 p.m.

Saskatchewan at Winnipeg, 4 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Montreal	12	7	6	41	35	42
New York	12	9	6	40	35	42
Kansas City	12	9	6	38	27	42
Philadelphia	10	8	9	37	37	39
New England	10	9	7	35	25	37
Houston	10	8	7	30	29	37
Chicago	10	10	5	31	35	35
Columbus	8	13	5	29	35	29
Toronto FC	4	12	10	23	35	22
D.C. United	3	18	5	16	43	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Real Salt Lake	14	8	6	52	35	48
Los Angeles	13	9	4	43	32	43
Seattle	12	8	4	32	26	40
Colorado	10	8	9	34	29	39
Portland	9	5	12	39	30	39
Vancouver	10	9	7	38	35	37
FC Dallas	9	7	10	36	38	37
San Jose	9	11	7	28	40	34
Chivas USA	5	14	7	26	47	22

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Houston at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.

Chivas USA at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Saturday's games

Columbus at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Vancouver at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Toronto FC at Portland, 11 p.m.



Argos dropped by Alouettes

Argos quarterback Zach Collaros is sacked by Montreal's Chip Cox during the second quarter of Week 10 CFL action on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre. With usual starting QB Ricky Ray out due to injury, the Argos' (5-4) offence stalled as the Alouettes (4-5) prevailed 20-9. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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The 2014 Infiniti Q50



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Review. This beauty beats the G37 and will get all your senses moving

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A new name and a slew of techno enhancements are the first clues that Infiniti's Q50 sedan is something special.

But with nearly every member of Nissan's upscale division switching to new alphanumeric identification along with, in most cases, reconfigured sheet-metal, it isn't the only interesting car on Infiniti's plate for 2014. Although it was thought that the Q50 would replace the G37, the sedan version will remain in the United States as an entry model for a couple more seasons. As of press time, it's unclear whether Canada will follow suit.

Since the Q50 and G37 share the same basic dimensions, platform, suspension and powertrain and offer the same all-wheel-drive option, the differences between the two boil down to style and

2014 Infiniti Q50

•**Type.** Four-door, rear-/all-wheel-drive mid-size luxury sedan

•**Engines (hp).** 3.7-litre DOHC V6 (328); 3.5-litre DOHC V6 + electric motor (360, net)

•**Transmissions.** Seven-speed automatic

•**Base price (incl. destination)**
\$39,500

standard and available content. In both categories the Q50 outshines the G37 by a wide margin and should experience little trouble attracting buyers desiring a well-equipped rolling fashion statement to tool around in. Another important point of differentiation is the addition of the Q50 Hybrid that combines a potent mix of fuel economy and performance.

A cabin that elevates tastefulness to a new level also reaffirms the car's luxury-vehicle cred. This is especially in evidence with a dual-cockpit-shaped dashboard with both 17.5- and 20-centimetre touch-

Technology

Your Q50 can also be ordered with any number of option groupings, including a technology package with all the latest electronic safety enhancements such as blind-spot, lane-departure and forward collision warnings.

screen displays that operate the climate, communications and optional navigation systems.

Going forward, the Q50 employs a 3.7-litre V6 (same as in the G37) that makes 328 horsepower and 269 pound-feet of torque, while the Q50 Hybrid combines a 302-horsepower 3.5-litre V6 with an electric motor rated at 67 horsepower and 214 pound-feet of torque to produce 360 net horsepower.

The Q50 Hybrid's gasoline-electric powertrain is virtually identical to that used in what was previously called the M35h. For 2014, the M35h has been renamed the Q70

Fuel Economy

The stowage-space penalty is significant, but apart from the performance gain, the Hybrid rates an impressive 7.0 l/100 km in the city and 5.6 on the highway. The gasoline-only Q50 earns a 10.6/6.7 rating.

Hybrid. Its 50-kilowatt electric motor uses energy stored in a 346-volt lithium-ion battery pack located behind the rear seat. The Hybrid uses the same seven-speed automatic transmission as the regular Q50, as opposed to a less-than-sporting continuously variable unit found in most other hybrids. As well you can specify all-wheel-drive for the Hybrid, which is not available on similarly propelled Lexus or Lincoln models.

Befitting of any luxury sedan, the Q50 arrives properly attired, however the Q50 Premium adds heated front

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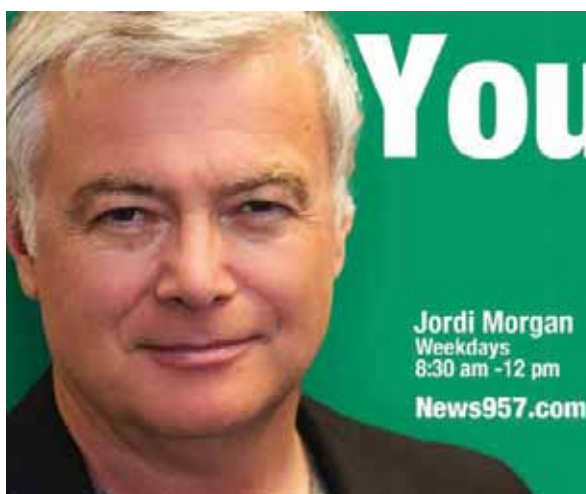
Design

As for looks, the Q50 shows off its top form with tasteful curves, swirls, bulges and angles that makes the once-stylish G37 seem downright dated and frumpy by comparison. It's also set apart by a hunkered-down stance that reaffirms its sport-sedan status, in particular with the optional 19-inch wheel-and-tire package.

seats, power moonroof and Bose's 14-speaker "Studio on Wheels" audio system. Note that the Q50 Hybrid starts at the Premium trim level.

The Q50S adds metal-trim accents, 19-inch wheels, sport-tuned suspension and brakes and a different front bumper.

The Q50's \$39,500 base price (\$49,000 for the Hybrid Premium) is competitive with similar North American, German and Japanese marques, but with elevated content and eye appeal that communicates a unique luxury presence regardless of what name appears on the truck lid.



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Self-driving cars are in fashion this fall

Autopilot. New-age dealership tactics and forthcoming luxury SUVs are also in the mix this colourful season



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Car culture doesn't have spring and fall collections like we see in the fashion world. But that won't stop us from looking at some auto trends that have been percolating recently as we start the slide into autumn.

All three of the following trends and story lines added major plot developments this past week.

Luxury in every niche

Jaguar released a teaser image last week of its forthcoming C-X17 Concept, which will be unveiled at next week's auto show in Frankfurt. It's a tall-wagon or SUV thing! Jaguar was one of the few luxury brands left that hadn't gone over to the SUV dark side. Even Maserati is in the game now, with the Cherokee-based Kubang. But no sense beating your head against the wall; everyone else has already proven that there is money in those hills. Luxury brands used to exclusively make big sedans and big coupes. Now we have luxury contenders in every passenger car and crossover configuration, and in every size category, from compact to super size. For the record, Jaguar said the C-X17 was created to debut Jaguar's new modular aluminum architecture, and will illustrate "the diversity of vehicles that could be produced using this architecture."

Self driving cars

Nissan announced last week it will be ready with commercially viable "Autonomous Drive" in multiple vehicles by the year 2020. Lots of automakers are working on self-driving cars, but Nissan is

the first to give us an actual completion date. Of course, a "commercially viable" self-driving vehicle in 2020 might be a moot point, if jurisdictions around the world don't want to, or aren't ready with the right infrastructure to, give the green light to this kind of ground-shaking change in the personal transportation world. Not long ago autonomous drive felt like a technology that was going to be in indefinite development; now it feels like the technology will not be denied.

Dealerships for millennials

We spoke recently about how the particular wants and needs of the millennium demographic are influencing vehicle design, but the impact of these 16 to 32 old buyers will also be driving change at the dealership. A recent and major study released last week by AutoTrader.com, revealed that millennials actually like kicking tires and talking to salespeople at a dealership even more than their baby boomer parents. But the kicker is that the experience goes down hill so much faster for them the second the salespeople get into any tactics, are less than forthright, and/or don't give them the time and space they need to make the right decision. Millennials strongly prefer a salesperson close to their own age that adopts a consultative approach, much like what they see in an Apple Store.

Final fashion tip

Okay now back to fall fashion for a moment: Those of you still wearing white after Labour Day — more power to you. It's not a fashion hill I am prepared to die on, but for solidarity, I will continue with the white underwear.

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4WD: Getting low down just became a positive

Driving force. Shifting to low power delivers ultimate off-roading when you find yourself stuck in a tricky spot

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When you want to go off the beaten path, nothing beats a "four-by-four," a truck or SUV with four-wheel drive and a two-speed transfer case. But it's important to know what's happening in the vehicle so you can use the right configuration for the job.

"The two-speed system isn't just about four-wheel drive, but a more off-road experience," says Peter Frantzeskakis, vehicle engineering manager for Ford's F-Series pickup trucks. "If you're in a very aggressive situa-

tion, like really deep snow or mud, you can engage the 4Low to help you crawl out."

A truck so equipped will have a dial or lever that gives you 2WD (two-wheel drive), 4High, and 4Low. Depending on the model, it may also have 4Auto. In 2WD, it operates only the rear wheels. In the 4WD settings, it engages the transfer case, which is the unit that transfers power to the front wheels as well.

In 4High, all four wheels receive power at the same rate as they would in 2WD. This is usually sufficient for most off-road applications, but there are times when you need even more grunt, and that's the job of the 4Low setting. "This is a low gear that the transfer case offers," Frantzeskakis says. "This gives more multiplication of the torque that's available."

Simply put, when the vehicle is in 4Low, the turning power to the wheels is

Tips

• **Know your system.** There are different types of AWD and 4WD, and auto manufacturers sometimes use whichever term they prefer, so be sure you know what type of system you have.

• **Tread choice.** Off-road ability also depends on the tires, and you need tires with aggressive tread if you're planning on travelling over very difficult terrain.

• **Neutral notice.** Most vehicles require you to be stopped and in neutral before you can shift into 4Low.

increased — in Ford's case, by 2.64 times — to help the truck dig in and get you out of any tough going. You're basically exchanging speed for power, so you can only travel at slower speeds in



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4Low.

The 4High and 4Low settings should only be used on gravel, mud or deep snow, not on dry roads. The transfer case turns all four wheels at the same speed, and while they can slide a

little on loose surfaces, the system can bind on dry surfaces, which can cause the truck to "hop" when you turn, or potentially even damage the four-wheel system.

Vehicles with a 4Auto

setting have a transfer case that can adjust power to each axle, so these can be driven in four-wheel on firm pavement. Cars and SUVs with all-wheel drive, or AWD, can also be driven on all surfaces.

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with a slight chance of "huhhh?"



Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Your emotions are all over the place and for that reason you are advised not to make any spur-of-the-moment decisions where affairs of the heart are concerned. You could start something you cannot stop.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Why are you focusing on the one little thing that appears to be going wrong in your life when so many bigger things are going right? Whatever the reason you need to get over it.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Some kind of setback could throw you out of your stride today, but overall things are very much in your favour at the moment so there is no need to panic. The recipe for happiness is simple: worry less, love more.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You think you know everything about a certain person but what happens over the next 24 hours will show you don't know the half of it. And you'll realize it's a great surprise.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Someone you are fond of may have done something of which you don't approve but there is no need to make an issue of it. If you love them, you should give them your full support.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Not everyone is as poised and graceful as you so if a friend or relative falls flat on their face today try not to laugh... too much. Of course, if they keep falling over there may be something seriously wrong.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Whatever else you do today, don't get involved in other people's domestic situations. Even if you know you can help, your intervention won't be appreciated. Be smart and keep your distance.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Something has put you on edge and you don't like it one bit. The best thing to do is to put a name to the problem and then deal with it efficiently and ruthlessly.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

What you feel rather than what you think counts for more today. No matter how good a deal may look on paper if your instincts tell you there is something not quite right, you would be wise to turn it down.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Capricorns are not as detached as some people seem to think they are and what happens over the next couple of days will give you a chance to prove it. Be happy. Be warm.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You give off powerful vibrations that attract people to you and they will get more powerful still over the next 48 hours while the moon is new. Just make sure all these new friends don't cost you lots of money.

♓ Pisces

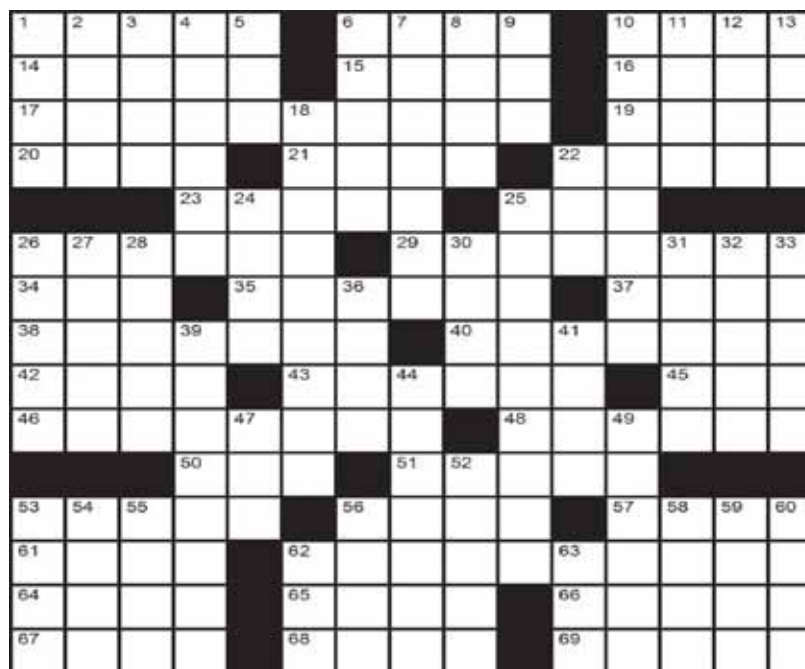
Feb. 20 - March 20

A little bit of flattery will go a long way today and will go even further tomorrow when the moon is new in your opposite sign. Just don't say things you don't mean — that's just dishonest. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. "If I ___ so myself..."
6. Large lot
10. Yarn ball
14. Singer/song-writer Fiona
15. Murmurs
16. Mystical light
17. California cracks: 2 wds.
19. Splashy stuff
20. Drive-___
21. Betting likeli-hoods
22. Sensible
23. Washing cycle
25. Feel sick
26. Belgium seaport
29. Canadian correspondent on NBC's "Dateline" who is Matthew Perry's stepfather, Keith ___
34. Occupational suffix
35. French brandy
37. Robert De ___
38. Canadian row-ing great/Olym-pian, Silken ___
40. Carol ___ (Can-adian author born in Oak Park, Illinois)
42. Other: Spanish
43. Rubenesque
45. "Rubber Ball" singer Bobby
46. Kibbles holder, as opposed to water: 2 wds.
48. Facing



50. Gold: Spanish
51. Roberta Flack's "The First Time ___ Saw Your Face"
53. #49-Down inspired this writer's 'Pooh' books, A.A. ___ (b.1882 - d.1956)
56. Secular
57. California wine valley
61. Similar
62. Contents

64. Ms. Ward
65. ___ the finish: 2 wds.
66. Abercrombie & ___
67. Eleventh letters
68. Queen's "Radio ___"
69. Ruffle, as '80s hairstyles

Down

1. Electro music's ___ Punk

2. Moonfish
3. Prod
4. Magnetism
5. Nevertheless
6. Citric, and others
7. Strongly denounce
8. Egg masses
9. Twisty turn
10. Alberta is named in honour of Queen Victoria's sixth child, Princess Louise ___ Alberta (b.1848 - d.1939)
11. Hawaiian feast
12. CNN's "___ Burnett OutFront"
13. Harry Potter's prop
18. #49-Down became popular at England's what?: 2 wds.
22. Gentleman's title
24. King Atahualpa, for one
25. Building designer

26. ___ Olay
27. "From ___ shin-ing...": 2 wds.
28. 'The Hub' of Nova Scotia
30. Brewer's kiln
31. Region's forest trees
32. Command
33. Rudolph, red-___
36. Chew
39. "Vogue" singer's namesakes
41. Mr. Stravinsky
44. Horrid stop-over, ___ motel
47. 1990s gold mining scandal, ___-X
49. Canada's most famous bear which belonged to WWI soldier Harry Colebourn
52. Panorama
53. Conceal
54. Swedish furni-ture store
55. Flower type
56. Roman moon goddess
58. Official records
59. Bench press muscles, for short
60. "I think it's ___," ...said the vet of the newly born puppy
62. 'John Hancock', e.g.
63. Ship's stern

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play

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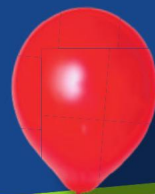
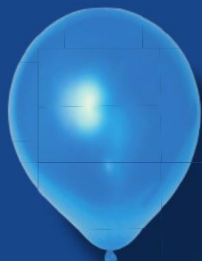
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